

ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
D.J. JUSTE

First-Team
Offense

KEVIN BARRY
Jensen Beach senior,
kicker
Stats: Made 9-of-10 field goals with a long of 42 yards, 2-for-2 PATs

JEREMY BELL
Vero Beach senior,
wide receiver
Stats: 417 yards and four TDs on 39 catches

TRAVARES COPELAND
Treasure Coast senior,
athlete
Stats: Completed 78 of 144 passes (54 percent) for 1,096 yards, 13 TDs with 5 INTs; 497 yards rushing, six TDs on 115 carries

NIKKO FINNEGAN
Sebastian River senior,
running back
Stats: 1,533 yards and 22 TDs on 206 carries

JOE HAWKINS
Vero Beach senior,
offensive lineman
Notable: Helped Fighting Indians' offense produce 348.7 yards per game

BRADEY KARRICK
South Fork senior,
offensive lineman
Notable: Helped Bulldogs' offense produce 357.8 yards per game

MARCUS LEVY
Fort Pierce Central junior,
running back
Stats: 1,382 yards and 18 TDs on 196 carries; 409 yards, three TDs on 30 catches

NICK MADDEN
Vero Beach senior,
quarterback
Stats: Completed 147 of 253 passes for 2,404 yards, 27 TDs with just two INTs

MIKE MESSIER
South Fork senior,
tight end/athlete
Stats: 308 yards, five TDs on 18 catches; 120 yards, two TDs on 11 carries; 35 tackles, 8 sacks on defense

CHARLIE MILLER
Vero Beach senior,
wide receiver
Stats: 966 yards, 10 TDs on 37 catches (26.1 yards per catch)

JOSH MURRIEL
Port St. Lucie senior,
offensive lineman
Notable: Helped Jaguars' offense produce 376.4 yards per game

KEVIN OROZCO
Treasure Coast senior,
wide receiver
Stats: 495 yards, four TDs on 34 catches

ZERRIE PATTERSON
Fort Pierce Central senior,
offensive lineman
Notable: Helped Cobras' offense produce 366.8 yards per game

DALTON POLLOCK
South Fork senior,
running back
Stats: 929 yards, 13 TDs on 119 carries

INUKA RHAHEED
Fort Pierce Westwood senior,
offensive lineman
Notable: Top lineman for a Panthers offense that lost most of its playmakers from last year

MARCUS SIGMON
Fort Pierce Central senior,
quarterback
Stats: Completed 128 of 199 passes (64 percent) for 1,622 yards, 19 TDs with seven INTs

VAUGHN WOOLDRIDGE
Sebastian River senior,
offensive lineman
Notable: Helped Sharks' offense produce 364.5 yards per game

Honorable Mention

BRANDON CAPPS
St. Lucie West Centennial junior, offensive lineman
CURTIS CSONKA
Jensen Beach senior, offensive lineman
MACANDER DIEUDONNE
Port St. Lucie senior, offensive lineman
CHRIS FLAIG
St. Edward's junior, offensive lineman
JACK FLANARY
Sebastian River senior, tight end

RESHAWD FYNE
Martin County senior, running back/athlete
BOBBY JOE GARZA
Okeechobee sophomore, offensive lineman
BRYCE HALL
Fort Pierce Central senior, offensive lineman
DENTIST HALL
Vero Beach senior, running back
JAMEEL JACKSON
Fort Pierce Central junior, wide receiver

JOSH KNIGHT
Fort Pierce Central junior, wide receiver
CODY LABANOWITZ
South Fork junior, quarterback
RAKEEM MARCELLE
Vero Beach senior, wide receiver
FRANK MARTIN
Port St. Lucie senior, wide receiver
CODY MCGAHEE
South Fork junior, offensive lineman

WILL MCVEIGH
Jensen Beach senior, offensive lineman
AUKEEMIAN MILLS
John Carroll senior, athlete
CONNOR MOORE
Vero Beach junior, offensive lineman
MIGUEL MORALES
Fort Pierce Central senior, kicker
NIC PADRICK
Fort Pierce Central junior, offensive lineman

STEPHEN PALADINO
Martin County senior, offensive lineman
JOHNNY POMA
St. Lucie West Centennial senior, running back
MATTHEW ROMASCO
Port St. Lucie junior, running back
EDUARDO SANDOVAL
Martin County senior, kicker
D.J. WASHINGTON
Okeechobee junior, athlete



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Port St. Lucie High School's D.J. Juste is the Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers 2011 Football Offensive Player of the Year.

The leader

Triple-option quarterback carried Port St. Lucie to its first winning season in 18 years

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PORT ST. LUCIE — D.J. Juste was tired of losing, but not to the point of giving up on his Port St. Lucie High School football team.

Instead, he wanted to be a part of change.

The junior dual-threat quarterback did just that. Sparking two fourth-quarter comebacks against district champions and reaching the 1,000 mark in both the passing and rushing categories, Juste carried the Jaguars to a 6-3 finish — their first winning season in 18 years.

No area player meant more to his team than Juste. He is the Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers All-Area Football Offensive Player of the Year.

“Coach (Hilary) Poole and (assistant) coach (Demetrius) Lane told me before every game that legends are always born, not made,” Juste said. “They said, ‘You are supposed to be a leader.’

Offensive Player of the Year

D.J. Juste

Port St. Lucie junior, quarterback

Stats: Completed 52 of 123 passes for 1,002 yards and nine TDs with just three interceptions; rushed for 1,163 yards and 12 touchdowns on 177 carries

Coach Hilary Poole: “He meant everything to us. He can throw the ball, but once he had to make a decision to pull the ball down and run it, you knew he was going to make something happen. He’s just a phenomenal athlete.”

I always thought I could be a leader, and I wanted to help change things around.

“I knew I could help change the program around, and my linemen and receivers and the running backs, they all stepped up.”

Juste, a 6-foot-2, 185-pound athlete, credits his teammates but undeniably he was the catalyst, finishing with 1,002 yards and nine touchdowns on 52-for-123 passing and added 1,163 yards and another 12 touchdowns on 177 carries while running the triple-option attack. He reached triple

digits in both rushing and passing in four games and especially came up big when he marched the Jaguars into scoring position in last-minute comebacks against District 14-6A champion South Fork and District 6-8A champion St. Lucie West Centennial.

“He did everything,” coach Hilary Poole said. “For anyone to overcome us being on the bottom and perform like that and help us to our first winning season in 18 years, that says a lot.”

Juste has played football for six years and moved around from

position to position before settling in at quarterback last year as successor to 2009 All-Area Football Offensive Player of the Year Albert Wilson.

Wilson set the bar high and served as inspiration for Juste, accounting for 2,631 all-purpose yards his senior year, but Juste wanted to make his own mark.

“I wanted to be D.J. Juste, the player my mom raised and my coaches taught,” Juste said. “He was an amazing player and he inspired me to be the best, but I wanted to be myself because that’s all I can do. All I can do is be myself, and the hard work and God will take me as far as I can go.”

Juste accomplished his goal of becoming the first junior from Port St. Lucie to become an All-Area Player of the Year as a junior — an award that typically goes to a senior — but hopes there is more to come. He hopes to guide the Jaguars to a playoff run next year.

“It’s not done yet,” Juste said. “I still have one more year left.”

All-Area First Team continued



Kevin Barry



Jeremy Bell



Travares Copeland



Nikko Finnegan



Joe Hawkins



Brady Karrick



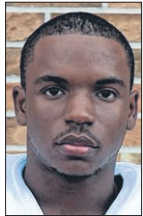
Marcus Levy



Nick Madden



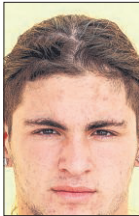
Mike Messier



Charlie Miller



Josh Murriel



Kevin Orozco



Zerrrie Patterson



Dalton Pollock



Inuka Rhaheed



Marcus Sigmon



Vaughn Wooldridge

The Team

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